

Remarks

The Office Action (Paper No. 7262004) mailed July 27, 2004, has been reviewed. Only claim 6 is amended in this paper. No claims are cancelled or added. Accordingly, claims 1 through 26 remain in the case before the Examiner.

35 U.S.C. §102:

The rejection of claims 6, 12, 24, and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as being anticipated by Fredrickson US4,077,385, is avoided in view of the instant amendment to base claim 6, from which claims 12, 24, and 26 depend. Claim 6 is amended in this paper to point out that the bow string element is anchored to structure associated with the cam element. Support for the instant amendment is found in FIGs. 3 and 4, and paragraphs [17, and 19].

Applicant submits that the claimed anchoring arrangement inherently is effective to resist changes in cam timing by resisting slip between the bow string element and the cam element. The anchoring arrangement now specified in amended claim 6 is contrary to bowstring rigging associated with cam element 30 and illustrated in FIG. 1 of the '385 reference. The rigging disclosed by the reference is detailed at Col. 3, lines 6-24. Anchor cable 52 is illustrated and characterized as being anchored at one end to pin 56, trained about eccentric cam 30 [sic 32], and carrying an anchor hook 54 at an opposite end. Any slip between cam 30 and cable 52 will change the cam timing of the bow 12. Applicant submits that the reference discloses training a cable about a pulley member. Such disclosure stops short even of suggesting the cable anchoring arrangement now required by the rejected claims. The rejection of claims 6, 12, 24, and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) should now be withdrawn.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER:

Notice of allowable subject matter, including claims 1-5, is appreciated. Claims 7-11, 13-23, and 25 are not now rewritten in independent form including limitations of all base and intervening claims because all pending claims are presently thought to be patentable.

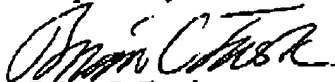
PRIOR ART MADE OF RECORD:

A cursory review of the prior art made of record in the Office Action does not indicate that such art is more relevant than art already relied upon.

Conclusion

Applicant requests that the instant amendment be entered and that a Notice of Allowance be issued for claims 1-26. If any questions or issues remain which might most conveniently be resolved by telephone interview, FAX, or by e-mail, the Examiner is respectfully requested to communicate with the representative at the below indicated contact information.

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